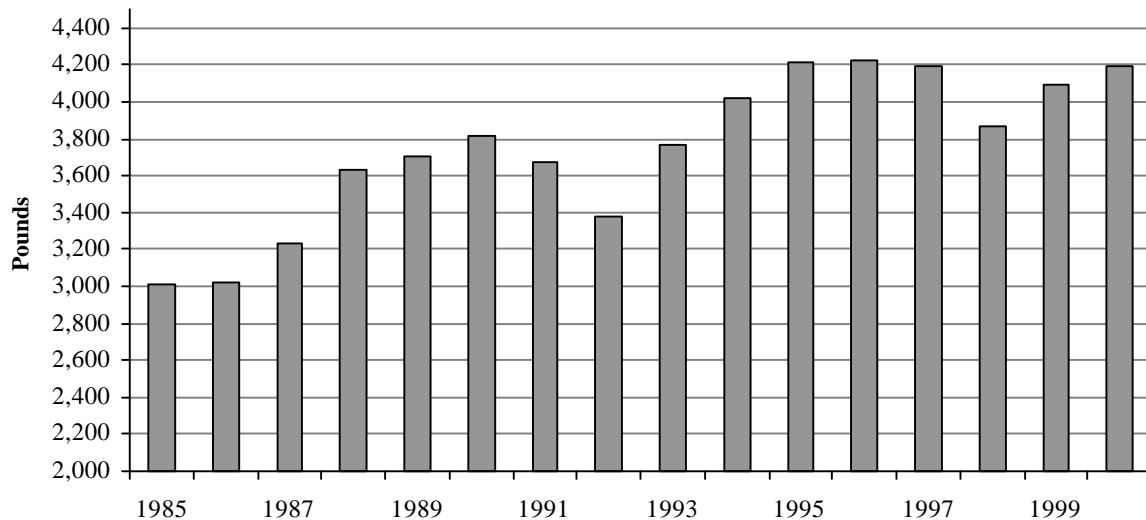


OBJECTIVE: Maintain and improve solid waste minimization

INDICATOR: Total Solid Waste Generated per Capita

Annual Per Capita Solid Waste Production



Pounds of solid waste generated annually per New Jersey resident

1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
3014	3018	3233	3631	3702	3820	3675	3374	3762	4020	4211	4221	4194	3869	4095	4196

This indicator shows that the amount of solid waste generated per person in New Jersey has fluctuated, but is generally increasing since 1985. Waste generation rates are related to prosperity, and, in the absence of efforts to minimize waste generation, increasing economic activity, such as New Jersey has experienced in the last few years, can be expected to increase waste generation. Although New Jersey recycles a significant portion of the waste it generates, the present trend does not indicate progress in maintaining and improving waste minimization.

Data Source: NJDEP Solid & Hazardous Waste Management

This fact sheet contains the most current, available data. For additional information on development of this indicator, please see the [Environmental Indicators Technical Report, 2nd Edition](#).